

Resolution authorizing a settlement of a disputed claim for bodily injury to Jessica Gutknecht in an auto accident involving a Franklin County Utility Maintenance Specialist (Sanitary Engineering) (\$7,000.00)

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2011 Franklin County Sanitary Engineer Utility Maintenance Specialist, Stephen Thomas, was involved in an auto accident; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 4:10 pm on July 25, 2011, Stephen Thomas failed to yield for a red light while driving south on US Route 42 and struck the vehicle operated by Jessica Gutknecht which was driving north on State Route 745; and

WHEREAS, there are no additional pending injury claims that relate to this accident; and

WHEREAS, a settlement in the amount of seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$7,000.00) has been negotiated and recommended by the claim analyst for the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County Ohio, George Rittel of Rittel, Hill and Zimmerman; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County offered to pay seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$7,000.00) to Jessica Gutknecht for injuries she suffered in the accident that occurred on July 25, 2011; and Jessica Gutknecht has accepted contingent on approval by the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the above described settlement fairly compensates Jessica Gutknecht for her injuries; and

WHEREAS, by agreeing to this settlement, neither Stephen Thomas, the Franklin County Commissioners, nor the Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering admits to any negligence or liability arising out of the auto accident; and

WHEREAS, the above described settlement, recommended by Rittel, Hill and Zimmerman deems it to be in the best interest of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering to settle the injury claim for seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$7,000.00); and

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

1. That the above-referenced settlement in the amount of seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$7,000.00) is in the best interest of the Franklin County Commissioners, Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering and the Department of Fleet Management and the same is hereby approved.
2. That upon execution of a full release in favor of the Franklin County Commissioners, Department of Fleet Management and the Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering that is satisfactory to the Prosecutor's Office; a warrant be issued payable to Jessica Gutknecht and her attorney Kevin F. Kurgis Co., LPA at 100 South Fourth Street, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215 as full and final settlement of this matter.
3. The attached Purchase Order in the amount of seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$7,000.00) is hereby approved.

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Fleet Management
Sanitary Engineering